

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending in this application and subject to restriction.

Claims 1, 13, 15, 17, and 25-26 have been amended.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 12 and 16. Further support can be found in the disclosure, for example, at page 14, line 24, to page 15, line 5. Claims 13, 15, and 17 are amended to change their dependency to claim 1. Claim 17 is amended to use proper Markush style format.

Other minor editorial revisions have been made to the claims to better conform to U.S. claims form. Such revisions are editorial in nature and non-substantive. The revisions are not intended to narrow the scope of protection.

Claims 12 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimed thereto. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation or divisional application on any cancelled subject matter.

New claims 27-29 have been added. Support can be found in the disclosure, for example, at page 17, line 32, to page 18, line 5, and original claim 25.

No new matter has been added by the above amendments.

Claims 1-11, 13-15, 17-29 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 1 and 16-18, as amended.

Kindly consider the possibility of rejoinder of the non-elected inventions, upon a determination of allowance of the election invention, per U.S. practice and M.P.E.P. § 821.04.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Charge the fee of \$50 for the one claim of any type added herewith to our credit card set forth in the attached Credit Card Payment Form.

Favorable action on the merit is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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